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Dear Ed,

Herewith, and with sincere thanks, I return the 6/24/70 Dailt Calumet story on the roal nasty, international conspiracy, contrived by the Dept Justice, against that waif of the driven snow, Sherman Skolnick.

In noting the absence of your good friend's by-line, I wonder is he is unaware of this most arcane of conspiratorial devices, undoubtedly invented because Skolnick is so much of too much, whereby this terrible Department of Justice arranged to replace all the judges of the Federal court after Skolnick filed his "suit", and with only judges having identically the same names.

Otherwise, of course, the conditions that impelled Skolnick to ask for that "stay" would not have obtained, for are these not identically thpse conditions existing when he filed this "suit" (the word, used here, troubles me, so I apologize)?

And if the conditions were unchanged, what of the filing of the suit to begin with? Could itbe possible that this paragon of civic virtue was less than serious and informed about the composition of the court, and that it included no one but "a fellow Judge in the same district as Judge (J. Sam) Perry, the one who put Bolden away?

But, then, my legal understanding is limited but such incapacities ask my inability to see how one can file a serious action under a law one asks be declared unconstotutional.

As you realize, I am a bit more questioning that the Daily Calumet, and I think Skolnick wants to forget about the whole thing, having picked up all of the chips of others his pockets can hold and having a few fears in mind (where they'd best remain). That time that "best suits the occasion" will not come until I bring it, as I certainly shall unless he makes a full breats and apology before it does come. I tsink this is too out of character for Skolnick. And i have to stop this endless thievery. How much it hurts I'll probably never know, but there is now interest in that book and I'm confident what he did will eliminate that part from serious consideration. And I could have written half of a book in the timerequired to keep up with his crookedness and its potential and then get into a position from which I could fend off the remaining possibilties for hurt. For this al also, at some point he will learnm he also owes me.

Meanwhile, his chickening out does forestall, if not eliminate, at least immediate prospect of further hurt, and that is good.

Thanks for the clip. Glad to get it and the news in it. Sincerely,